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20.	Emergent Genetics
21.	Vikram Seeds Pvt. Ltd.
22.	Vikki Agrotech Pvt. Ltd.
23.	Kaveri Seeds Ltd.
24.	Amar Biotech
25.	Zuari Seeds Ltd.

Potential for growth of floriculture industry

531. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has vast potential for growth of floriculture industry;

(b) whether Government has distributed financial help to the States for expansion of the area under flower cultivation;

(c) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia*, indicating the financial help that has been given to the Orissa State under this head;

(d) whether Government also proposes to set up Agri Export Zones for floriculture besides a large number of flower clusters under the National Horticulture Mission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, indicating those that are proposed to be set up in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern State (TMNE) including Sikkim since 2001-02 which was extended to Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during the year 2003-04 and the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining States and Union Territories from 2005-06, for the holistic development of horticulture. Bringing more area under cultivation of horticulture crops including flower cultivation through area expansion is one of the main components under both the schemes. Under NHM, for the cultivation of cut flowers, assistance is being provided to the cultivations @50% of cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 35,000/- per ha. limited to 2 ha. per beneficiary and 33% of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 23,100/- per ha. limited to 4 ha. per beneficiary for other farmers. For cultivation of bulbulous flowers, assistance is being provided to the cultivators @50% of cost of cultivation subject to a maximum of Rs. 45,000/- per ha limited to 2 ha per beneficiary and 33% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 29,700/- per ha limited to 4 ha per beneficiary for other farmers. For cultivation of loose flowers, assistance is being provided to the cultivators @ 50% of cost of cultivation subject to a maximum of Rs. 12,500/- per ha limited to 2 ha per beneficiary and 33% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 7,920/- per ha limited to 4 ha per beneficiary for other farmers. Under TMNE, for cultivation of flowers, assistance is being provided to the cultivators @ 50% of cost of cultivation subject to a maximum of Rs. 13,000/- per ha limited to 0.2 ha per beneficiary.

Under NHM, for flower cultivation, during 2005-06 and 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 6795.89 lakhs has been provided to various States including Rs. 729.95 lakhs to Orissa.

Similarly, under TMNE, an amount of Rs. 5392.19 lakh has been provided to various States, since inception of the scheme.

(d) and (e) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has set up six Agri Export Zones (AEZs) to promote the floriculture industry in key producing regions in various parts of the country, namely Tamil Nadu (2 AEZs), Karnataka, Maharashtra, Sikkim and Uttarakhand.

No proposal has been received from the State Government of Orissa for setting of AEZ for flowers.

Amount released under Market Intervention Scheme

†532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amount of grant released to various States under the Market Intervention Scheme during the last two years;

(b) whether his Ministry is also contemplating to increase the amount of Central Government in aid upto seventy five per cent to the States of Central Himalayan zone like that of North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, by when a decision would be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the details of the alternative measures taken to give benefit to the middle and small farmers of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Ministry of Agriculture has released as Central Government share of loss to various States under the Market Intervention Scheme as under:—

(in Rs. lakh)

Year	Commodity	State	Amount
2005-06	Palm oil	Karnataka	5.47
2005-06	Apples	Himachal Pradesh	169.33
2005-06	Hatkora	Mizoram	14.85
2005-06	Ginger	Mizoram	64.85
2006-07	Ginger	Mizoram	70.36
2006-07	Hatkora	Mizoram	17.91
2007-08	Chilli	Mizoram	72.87

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(d) The middle and small farmers of the States other than North-Eastern States are also covered under the existing MIS. However, the Central share of loss is restricted to 50% for these States. Besides, the middle and small farmers of these States are also benefited through various schemes of the Government including Price Support Scheme, Technological Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttrakhand, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Macro Management of Agriculture scheme (MMA).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.